Docket No. MOH-P010057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/715,069 Confirmation No. 3307

Filing Date : November 17, 2003

Applicant : Bernhard Stellwag, et al.

Title : Method for Protecting Components of a Primary System of

a Boiling Water Reactor in particular from Stress Corrosion

Cracking

TC/AU : 3663

Examiner : Johannes Mondt

Customer No. : 24131

PRELIMINARY AMEDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination after filing a Request for Continued Examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the presented remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.